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In re application of

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Junji NISHIGAKI, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/088,232

Group Art Unit: 1625

Confirmation No.: 4633

Examiner: Bernard I. Dentz

Filed: October 7, 2002

For: COMPOUNDS FOR FLUORESCENCE-LABELING

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2003, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, including claims 1-11 and 14-28. This election is made with traverse. The compounds defined in Claims 12 and 13 are synthetic intermediate compounds for preparation of the compounds of Group I.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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